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1. In 1947, the Albanian Air Force was reformed from scratch, under the supervision of Soviet Air Force officers and specialists who came from the USSR for this purpose. Albanian personnel, pilots and mechanics, who had previously been trained either in the USSR or in Yugoslavia also took part. Yugoslavia also contributed a share of the personnel of the first Albanian Air Force units, but after the Cominform split these were withdrawn and replaced by Soviets and a few Albanians who returned from the USSR after the split, having completed their training. [redacted] there still are about 60 Soviet officers and specialists in the Albanian Air Force, who are the top authorities.
2. The Commander of the Albanian Air Force is Col. Teodor Gjoti (Zotti?), a Communist [redacted] His deputy and assistant is a Soviet officer who wears the uniform of an Albanian Lieutenant Colonel. He is the real commander.
3. [redacted] the Albanian Air Force consists principally of three fighter and one bomber regiments. In addition, there are about two squadrons of transports and a training unit for training pilots and observers.
4. The following information is available concerning the regiments of the Albanian Air Force:
 - a. 1 Fighter Regiment: Headquarters in Tirana. Regimental commander, Lt. Col. Hakijsa Torjati. Four Soviet officers are attached to regimental headquarters, the senior of which, a major, is the real regimental commander.
 - b. 2 Fighter Regiment: Located on the Gjinokaster, Sarande, and Libofshe airfields. The name of the regimental commander is unknown. Soviet officers are attached to the headquarters.

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- c. 3 Fighter Regiment: Stationed at the Shkoder, Lesh, and Elbasan airfields. Further information not available.
- d. 4 Bomber Regiment: Regimental headquarters at Kucove. The regiment consists of four squadrons, equipped with old German and Italian aircraft which is gradually being replaced by new Soviet planes. The squadrons are stationed on the following airfields:

1 Squadron	Kucove
2 Squadron	Banje
3 Squadron	Korce
4 Squadron	Gjinokaster

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5. No information is available concerning the training aircraft.
6. [] the equipment of the Albanian Air Force still is very heterogeneous. Besides Yaks, Stormoviks, Petlyakovs, and DC 46s, all of Soviet origin, it also is using old German Messerschmitts, Focke Wulfs, Junkers, and Bucker Jungmans and old Italian Fiats, Macchis, and Capronis. 50X1-HUM
7. [] the Albanian Air Force today has, altogether, about 190 Soviet fighters, 35 twin-engine bombers, and 15 Soviet transports. Besides these, it has about 60 Soviet trainers and assorted German [] trainers, totalling about 300 aircraft.

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